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BLAME WHERE BLAME IS DUE.

The boys of the Pacific fleet are now paying their fourth visit to Honolulu within three years, and most of them have formed friendships with the town-folk. With each recurring visit of the cruisers, these friendships are renewed and strengthened and others are formed. Honolulu like the boys of the Pacific fleet and we congratulate ourselves upon the apparent liking that the boys of the Navy have for Honolulu. We are proud of this liking and proud of the sailors who wear the uniform of Uncle Sam, the frank, fun-loving, youthfully swaggering fighting men of our ocean.

Little exception can be taken to the conduct of the sailors ashore. The exuberance of youth, especially that which has been bottled up between decks and tied down with the cord of a strict discipline, leads Jack ashore into pranks at which a very few are inclined to look askance, but to which no one seriously objects. Our sailor guests are ashore to enjoy themselves, and their enjoyment in their own peculiar way is what Honolulu desires that they shall have.

We have no sympathy, however, with those who encourage the boys to drunkenness or to indulgences which dim their bright and clean young manhood. Those who made it possible for the sailors to go to excesses on Sunday should be made to understand that their desire to handle the sailors' money justifies in no way the besmirching of the reputation the boys have for gentlemanly behavior nor excuses in any manner the violation of the spirit of the law which declares that there shall be no selling of intoxicating liquors in Honolulu on Sunday.

There are cities where the chief aim appears to be to clean out the pockets of sailor visitors by any means that are quick and then to abuse them; but, thank heaven, this community has not and will not, as long as decency prevails, descend to that point. We want no deadfalls, we will encourage no dives, and we will bend every effort to preserve the fame of this port as one where the boys of the Navy are welcome for themselves and not for the dollars they may bring.

Honoluluans are proud of their sailor guests, and will endeavor to so treat them that we may not be ashamed of ourselves.

The article republished in this column yesterday from the Kansas City Journal, to which two correspondents take vigorous issue, was printed purely for what it purported to be—the expression of another paper. The Advertiser made no comment whatever concerning it, either of approval or disapproval. In the same way we are glad to republish the extracts from the London Times, included in Judge Hart's letter in this issue.

The question of forbidding the playing of games at the Makiki park is almost as old as the park itself, and there is something to be said on both sides of the question. For the greatest good of the greatest number, however, we believe that the decision arrived at long ago and practically reached again last night by those in authority that these athletic teams may meet and contest against each other is the proper one.

Bradstreet's declares that prices will go still higher. If the reference is to the prices of diamonds and radium, well and good; but if meat and eggs and flour are meant, we desire to file a protest.

Let us not expend all our energies on the Cook-Pearry controversy. Other claimants may make their appearance at any time.

However it may be about Dr. Cook having reached the Pole first, it is exceedingly fortunate for him that he got back first.

Letters From the People

BRITAIN NOT UNGRATEFUL.

Editor Advertiser:—"English Ingratitude to Shackleton"—So reads the heading of your utterly unfair and incorrect editorial in this morning's paper. Neither the Advertiser nor yourself are to be congratulated on the spirit of the article in question. The world has been ringing with certain wretched charges and assertions against Dr. Frederick A. Cook by an eminent fellow countryman and explorer, before the latter had even first tried to ascertain the truth of the conjectures to which he had arrived, and the statements he made.

You, sir, will appear to many to have placed yourself in an equally unfavorable light by the publication of the editorial above referred to. Perhaps, sir, you will permit me to quote from the London Times, which, possibly, may have more correct information in re the affair you speak of as "English Ingratitude to Shackleton," than the Kansas City Journal, whose version you take as the foundation of your comments. The Times says: "Mr. Shackleton has received a letter from the Prime Minister, informing him of the government's recommendation of a grant of £20,000 (\$100,000) toward the cost of his Antarctic expedition, and adding that the government has been induced to take this course as they are much impressed both by the great value of the discoveries made in the course of the voyage and by the efficient and economical manner in which the whole enterprise was conducted."

The Times further adds: "Mr. Shackleton expresses his appreciation of this generosity." * * * The £20,000 meets all the guarantees given by Mr. Shackleton for advances."

Trusting, Mr. Editor, you will give an early insertion to this letter in the Advertiser, I subscribe myself,

Yours obediently,

CHARLES F. HART.

Honolulu, September 27, 1909.

ANOTHER CORRECTION.

Editor Advertiser:—Your editorial in this morning's paper, headed "English Ingratitude to Shackleton," surprised me. You give as your authority the Kansas City Journal, to contradict which I hand you herewith three marked copies of The Times (weekly edition), which please return. In the number for the 13th of August you will find a statement on the front page which might, if its tail were cut off, lend some color to the Kansas City Journal's assumption of English ingratitude, but the concluding sentences, "Since his return, Mr. Shackleton has not approached the government in the matter, and it can not, therefore, be said that they have declined to contribute; there was no American financial assistance toward the expedition," change the tint entirely. A week later, August 20, page 534, it is stated in the Parliamentary news that "Mr. Ashley asked the Prime Minister whether he could now state if it was the intention of His Majesty's government to aid

Lieutenant Shackleton in meeting the cost of his recent South Pole expedition. Mr. Asquith replied that the matter was still "under consideration," and the following number, August 27, says, on the front page, that "The Prime Minister announced that £20,000 would be voted toward the cost of Mr. Shackleton's Antarctic expedition." On page IV of the Supplement "Mr. Shackleton expresses his appreciation of this generosity," etc.

If you can not find room for the items entire, perhaps you will be good enough to print these extracts, and oblige,

Yours truly,

ROBT. CATTON.

Honolulu, September 27, 1909.

COUNTY FATHERS HOLD MEETING

(Continued from Page One.)

list of names extending over several sheets of legal cap paper, was presented to the board last night. For just how many months the estimated expense of \$1000 per month for constructing and building is to run on, no one seemed to know. In fact, there seemed to be very little light available on the subject. Finally the whole matter was passed up to the road committee.

The sum of \$1000 was appropriated for use in repairing and refurbishing schoolhouses. It was explained that the \$6000 originally appropriated had already been exhausted, and that more money was needed in order to carry on the absolutely necessary repair work. There was no opposition and the resolution went through.

More Advertising Money.

Another resolution, appropriating an additional \$2000 to pay for advertising ordinances during the six months ending December 31 next, was also brought in. As this money is urgently needed, the resolution slipped through without any opposition. This is the third appropriation for the current six months that has been made necessary by the present law governing the publication of ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu.

A question was raised concerning the legality of the appointment of Lane as fish inspector, when the demand for his salary came up. McClellan thought that it took five members of the board to appoint. Aylett insisted that all it requires is a majority.

The deputy county attorney upheld Aylett's contention, but expressed a doubt as to whether Lane had had a majority of the board backing him. He mentioned that there were six present, and that, in consequence, it required four to constitute a majority. The minutes showed that only five voted, Cox being excused. Milverton expressed the belief that the fact that Cox was excused did not alter the fact that four votes were needed to appoint.

However, the attorney stated that, Lane having transacted the duties of the office, he was entitled to the pay, so the demand was passed, only McClellan voting no.

Makiki Field Still Open.

Whether or not Makiki field is to be

used for athletics is another question that came up. It was reported that Allan Herbert objected to the use of the park for football and baseball practice, owing to the fact that grass has been planted. Kane seemed to think that the grass should be protected. Quinn, on the other hand, appeared rather in favor of letting the boys have the field to play on and leaving the grass to get along as best it can.

The latter suggestion met with the approval of Supervisor Logan, who said that the park was dedicated for free use and always had been free.

Aylett observed that some of the best baseball players of the Territory had received their training on Makiki field. He did not seem very strongly in favor of closing the park to ball players for the purpose of turning it into a botanical garden.

Finally the whole matter was referred to the road committee. This probably means that Makiki field will continue to be used as a baseball and football field, regardless of the opposition of the neighboring landowners. As far as can be learned, the majority of persons residing in the community are in favor of allowing the boys to play on the field to their hearts' content.

Tenders for supplies for the coming month were opened and read, and the clerk was ordered to tabulate them and advise the lowest bidders that their offers were accepted.

The board adjourned until Friday evening next.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING PROJECT DISCUSSED

One of the most enthusiastic gatherings of business men that has taken place in Honolulu for a long time was the one held last night at the residence of J. P. Cooke to consider the project of raising \$100,000 during the month of October, to complete a \$150,000 fund necessary to erect the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building.

A few days ago George R. Carter, J. P. Cooke, Frank Atherton, Richard H. Trent and George F. Davies dined at the Commercial Club and talked over the need of a new building with the secretary of the association. This dinner conference resulted in about twenty-five men being invited to Mr. Cooke's house to consider a plan of raising funds. The project met with the hearty approval of every man present.

Since C. M. Cooke's gift of \$50,000 towards the new building, the directors of the association have been planning to secure an additional \$100,000. A site committee, composed of ex-Governor George R. Carter, R. H. Trent and F. J. Lowrey, set about to find a suitable site, and finally secured an option on the piece of land on Hotel street nearly opposite the present Y. M. C. A. and between the Elite building and the library. The site has nearly 102 feet front and about 190 feet depth, on which an admirable Y. M. C. A. building can be erected.

An option on the site having been obtained, an executive committee was appointed to provide for the raising of funds, with George R. Carter as chairman, and J. P. Cooke, F. C. Atherton, George F. Davies and R. H. Trent as his associates. This committee believes that the plan suggested by the secretary of the association should be carried out, and called the conference at Mr. Cooke's house to go into the matter more fully. The evening was spent in the discussion of four topics: The need of a new Y. M. C. A. building; the features the new building should contain; the plan of campaign to secure the money; and discussion of the proposed site.

Two points in the policy were definitely settled upon; first, the securing of a couple of strong committees, one of business men and one of younger men; and, second, a banquet at the Young Hotel at which the matter will be presented to the leading business men of the community. October 11 was the suggested date for the dinner at the hotel, invitations to which will be out some time this week.

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